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A fire safe reminder from the Kaibab National Forest

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Kaibab National Forest officials thank the public for their continued cooperation in being fire safe during a summer of extremely dry conditions. Visitors are reminded that fire restrictions remain in effect across the forest.

Officials also wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday and repeat that fireworks are never allowed on National Forest System lands.

The Kaibab has imposed fire restrictions that will remain in effect until monsoonal moisture reduces the threat of wildfire.

Current restrictions include the following:

- No fires, campfires, charcoal, coal or wood stoves
- Smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles or buildings
- No firearms except while engaged in a lawful hunt
- No use of chainsaws or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine from 11:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m. This applies to stand alone generators, but not generators located within motorhomes or travel trailers.
- No welding
- No explosives
- No vehicle use off National Forest System roads, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 30 feet of the roadway and overnight in developed campgrounds and trailheads
- Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns, and heaters that can be turned off are allowed

In addition, the Bill Williams Mountain Watershed on the Williams Ranger District is closed to entry.

There are abundant opportunities to enjoy outdoor recreation activities on the forest. Recreation managers recommend the following trails:

- Sycamore Rim Trail #45, Easy to Moderate, 11 miles but can be shortened from various trailhead access points (Sycamore Falls, Pomeroy Tanks, Vista Point, and KA Hill Trailheads).
- Davenport Hill Trail #63, Moderate, 2.5 miles one-way and trail access is from Dogtown Lake boat ramp parking area on the north side of the parking lot.
- Red Butte Trail #37, Moderate with some steep pitches, 1.2 miles one-way and access is from Hwy 64 onto Forest Road (FR) 320. Travel east 1.5 miles and turn left (north) onto FR 340. Travel .75 mile on this road and then turn right (west) onto a spur road.
- Arizona Trail #101, Easy to Moderate, 24.2 miles but can be shortened from various trailhead access points (Grandview Lookout, Russell Tank, FR 305 off of Hwy 64 and Moqui Stage Stop).

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